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Comments: To District Ranger,

As a resident, avid fisherwoman of the Pedlar River, hiker and concerned citizen for our environment I am voicing my opposition to the clear cut and burning of old growth trees and land in this proposed project.

Similar activity in the past has resulted in sediment and debris in the Pedlar reservoir. That alone should give reason not to repeat the mistake. The invasive species, particularly, autumn or Russian olive, has become a real problem in this whole area. And, these old trees offer us a long term view of nature, stabilize the soil, offer carbon sequestration and give us the clean air we need.

If opening mountain land is necessary please choose land that is not so steep nor close to streams.

We have managed woodlands on our farm for over 40 years with the guidance of the forest service. Our loblolly pines have been ready for harvesting for a couple years. We have not been able to get a commercial logger to cut because they claim prices are down and the mills are restricting volume. I understand this is not old growth, that it is private, and my point is that it is managed. I also understand the mission statement for our national forests. And, I believe that mission has to change as more people go into the national forests for more than hunting and logging.

I stand opposed to this project.

Respectfully,

Sandra Slack